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COMMITTEES

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors in November, the following committees were named to serve for the ensuing year:

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Ralph Conard, Rev. Gordon Foster, Mary Elizabeth Said, Jack Clifton, Virginia Phlegar, Dorothea Brookover, Virginia Piper.

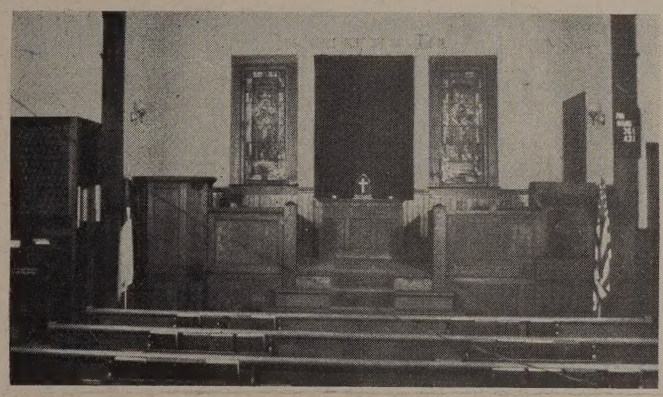
Note: There are vacancies on the Finance Committee, the Laymen's Commission, and the Committee to Study Apportionment Distribution.

PROGRAM AT SHIPYARDS

Under the interdenominational program in the Richmond shipyard area eleven worship centers are now established, four Negro and seven white. Twelve adult worship services are conducted, and there are nine Sunday Schools with an attendance of more than 1100. Permission has been secured for holding Sunday noon services in the shipyards, using a public address system. Recordings will be made which will be used for the swing and graveyard shifts at their lunch periods. Rev. Harold H. Henderson is the director in charge.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Though with smaller attendance than in former years, due to a greatly changed personnel and program at the University, Plymouth House has been laying down a foundation of solid interest. During the past term there was a series of discussions on "What is Religion," "What is Sin," and "What is the Church." The Midweek Bible study and supper meeting was conducted by David Stowe, the director. Little by little, with remodeling, adding to, or shifting the furniture, the appearance of the House is improved.



The Little White Church in the Valley, as our Soquel church is fondly known, celebrated its 75th anniversary last summer by the installation of this simple but lovely chancel. Credit for the dream and the execution of it go to Rev. and Mrs. T. Davis Preston.

A CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

Chaplain Earl D. Weed, who has been in charge of all the chaplains in the Western Defense Command and who is a Congregational minister, has been transferred to Omaha. In reply to a letter of greeting from the annual meeting of the Conference he sent the following message, which The Pacific is happy to print because of its cogency for our day:

"We in the religious world must learn our lesson from the political and military world of uniting our religious and spiritual forces in order to accomplish a common objective. We are fast learning that any situation that is opposing one religion is also something which will oppose all religions. The forces of evil which work against any one group will eventually work against all other groups. We have now learned that we can actually cooperate in a plan of action for social, civic, and welfare activities with no violation of a man's personal, doctrinal, or theological concepts in any way. In fact, we are learning more than that; we are learning a richness in the other man's spiritual and religious life that we sometimes find missing in our own life and are helped by the other fellow as often if not more often than we can help him. God speed the day when we can unite our forces against the common greeds of men, the common hates and prejudices of men, and all other forces which work against the common good of all spiritual and religious forces."

Season's Greetings from The Pacific

GERMAN YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual missionary rally of the young people's societies and Sunday Schools of the German speaking churches was held in the Zion Church, Fresno, on Sunday, November 28. The commodious building was filled to capacity at both sessions. More than fifty young people made the long trip from Lodi, Ebenezer Church, for the day. A fine missionary collection was received. The theme of the day was "The Christian Home."

MID-WINTER Y. P. CONFERENCES

"So the mountain will not come to Mohammet? Then Mohammet will go to the mountain!" Remember what the prophet had said, when no church of Northern California seemed able to entertain the Pilgrim Fellowship Mid-Winter Conference, the Committee on Young People's Work said, "Then we will take the Mid-Winter Conference to the churches!" And that is just what is going to be done. On the Sundays of January, the committee and Pilgrim Fellowship Cabinet will bring the annual Mid-Winter Conference to a centrally located church in each of the areas.

Using the theme "For Christ and the Church Today," Conference teams will conduct an afternoon and evening of inspiration and instruction. It is the committee's plan to present the same program through the same leaders as far as possible at all the area gatherings. "Streamlined" presentation will be utilized to condense the customary two days into some six hours. Such techniques as "information please" and visual education are in the plan.

Tentative schedules are being issued as follows: Redwood Empire, January 2; East Bay, January 9; Sacramento and Central, January 16; West Bay, January 23; San Joaquin, January 30; Upper Bay, February 6. Pending the receipt of further details, ministers and youth leaders of these districts are asked to hold the above dates.

Responsibilities assigned and accepted in connection with the forthcoming conferences are as follows: Chief speakers, Rev. Ralph Conard; Projects, Jack Clifton; Million Hour Service Plan, LaVerne Brookover; Pilgrim Fellowship aims and organization, Mary Elizabeth Said; Visual Aids, Superintendent H. H. Gill. Temporarily charged with the organization of the conference is Rev. Fred Morrow of Saratoga.

Report by Sup't Gill

By vote of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the office was instructed to make available to a wider group some sections from the report of Superintendent Harley H. Gill following his trip to Boston for meetings of the American Board.

There is talk in our national circles about having a common benevolence treasurer and about giving the Executive Committee of the General Council, or the Survey Committee, the authority to change apportionment percentages as emergency needs may arise, so that gifts might be mobilized during a certain year for a particular enterprise, and in another year for something else. This will be a fruitful subject of discussion, and will undoubtedly give rise to various points of view.

The annual meeting of the American Board, held in the great church in Cambridge, though it was for one day only, was a truly notable occasion with forty or more missionaries in attendance and a large number of officials and friends.

The Prudential Committee was in session for two days following, with an attendance of more than 80% of its membership.

The death of Theodore Hume, our representative to the churches of Europe, who was shot down presumably by German guns while in aeroplane flight to Sweden, was a deep and abiding cause of sorrow.

Keen anticipation was in the mind of everyone awaiting the arrival of the "Gripsholm" on whose passenger list are a number of our own American Board missionaries.

Word comes from Tracy Strong in Europe that he has found a splendid opportunity in addition to his other duties, of ministering to American flyers who are interned in Switzerland.

For many years we have had a few small churches in Spain. No Protestant work can be carried on actively, but our tiny groups of Congregational folks are holding together and working under cover.

No word has come out of Bulgaria, except of the death of Elizabeth Clark who was the founder of the kindergarten movement in that land.

In Greece, schools have been carrying on which will be the nuclei of the new Anatolia and Pierce Colleges. Starvation conditions in that unhappy land beggar description. Miss Catherine McElroy told of a woman who reported to a representative of the Swedish Red Cross that she had killed two of her three children. Only three pieces of bread per day were available, and she knew that they were not sufficient for the three, so she gave them all to the little boy and let her two little girls die. Teachers of Pierce College are now doing some relief work, but a new relief unit is being organized under Dr. McElroy to move in from Cairo as soon as the military situation permits.

The famine in India affects our work indirectly. It is in Bengal where we are not active, but food sent into that area from other parts creates a shortage and high prices.

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DR. BLANCHARD COMING

As The Pacific goes to press it seems probable that the annual meeting of the Bay Association can be held on Thursday, January 13, with the Moderator of the General Council, Rev. Ferdinand Q. Blanchard of Cleveland, Ohio, as the speaker The First Congregational Church of San Francisco has invited the Association for this occasion.

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PAPAZIAN MEMORIAL

A great community memorial service in honor of the late Rev. Manasseh G. Papazian, D.D., was held in the Pilgrim Armenian Church of Fresno on Sunday afternoon, November 28. This is the church of which Dr. Papazian had been the pastor for more than a quarter of a century. Brief words of tribute were spoken by civic leaders, educators, local ministers, representatives of Armenian organizations, the local ministers' union, the church itself, the San Joaquin Valley Association, and the Northern California Congregational Conference. Even one who knew him intimately was wholly unprepared for the evidences of the great breadth of his activities and interests. His judgment was trusted, his leadership followed, and his life and character were an inspiration to multitudes within and without his church.

MRS. WM. H. YOUNGMAN

The Pacific should have carried notice in its October issue of the death of Mrs. William H. Youngman of Santa Rosa after an illness lasting some years. Mrs. Youngman was the beloved wife of Rev. William H. Youngman, who himself has not been in good health for the past ten years. While in the active ministry, the Youngmans served our churches in Cloverdale, Kenwood and Glen Ellen, Mill Valley, Loomis, Alturas, and Berkeley Bethany. Mr. Youngman was able to attend the Conference in Oakland, the first time in years. He will continue to make his home in Santa Rosa. He has one daughter, Genevieve, a student at the University of California. A great host of friends join with members of the family in appreciating the life of Mrs. Youngman and mourning her passing.

CHAPLAIN MORGAN AT ST. MARY'S

Rev. Victor H. Morgan, U. S. Navy Chaplain located at the Pre-flight school of St. Mary's College, has been given the help of a junior chaplain, a Catholic priest. A library has been installed under the direction of Mr. Morgan, who also has oversight of welfare and recreation. He expects next summer to receive orders to sea.

CONGRATULATIONS

The churches and ministers of the Conference and The Pacific join in extending congratulations to Rev. David Stowe and his lovely bride, Virginia Ware Stowe who were married at the Oneonta Congregational Church of South Pasadena on Thanksgiving Day. They have taken up residence in a nicely appointed apartment in Plymouth House, where Mr. Stowe is our Conference Director of Student Work and Director of Religious Education for the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. This church has 138 stars on its Service Flag. The pastor, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, reads messages from the pulpit from young men who are in the Service. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was preacher on Sunday, November 28.

ONE MONTH MORE

Only a month remains after this Pacific goes to its readers for benevolence receipts to be credited to the year 1943. For the first 11 months of the year there has been a very substantial and encouraging gain, as the table of church by church gifts below indicates. Books will be held open up to and including Monday, January 10, but it would be greatly appreciated by the office staff if remittances can reach us well ahead of the deadline. In another column, something of the extra needs of the American Board is set forth. New and expensive work is being undertaken by the Conference. The Board of Home Missions is trying to meet the situation created by the widespread movement of population. It is a time for the church to make its testimony and furnish the means whereby these important projects can be carried out.

Church	Nov. Jan. 11 to 1943	Jan. 11 to Nov.30,'43	Nov.30,'42
Adin	$	$ 6.47	$ 17.12
Alameda	78.48	696.30	460.29
Alturas	.....	84.66	36.58
Angels Camp	.....	112.50	115.00
Antioch	.....	24.43	54.94
Auburn	10.00	110.00	123.07
Benicia	.....	56.61	50.00
Berkeley, Chinese	50.00	50.00	.....
First	553.65	4,713.52	4,179.73
Kensington	.....	20.00	20.00
North	58.50	500.51	437.25
Park	.....	171.24	47.80
Callahan	15.00	15.00	.....
Campbell	15.00	260.00	226.00
Cedarville	.....	75.00	65.00
Cloverdale	38.48	101.60	54.05
Cotati	.....	63.38	86.65
Crockett	22.00	99.81	93.04
Etna	25.00	25.00	5.32
Eureka	.....	378.97	352.88
Fairfax	.....	30.75	15.00
Ferndale	34.10	354.98	307.89
Fresno, First	.....	1,165.33	639.32
Free Cross	19.40	19.40	.....
Japanese	.....	.....	35.00
Pilgrim	50.00	250.00	250.00
Zion	.....	.....	75.00
Glen Ellen	.....	54.60	.....
Guerneville	.....	15.00	20.00
Hayward	.....	200.00	200.00
Kenwood	7.55	29.80	18.95
Likely	.....	29.04	.....
Lodi, First	250.00	1,478.25	910.00
Loleta	10.97	39.70	.....
Loomis	15.86	59.53	30.71
Martinez	41.65	380.52	342.40
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland, Bethany	.....	.....	50.00
First	440.00	4,900.00	4,525.00
Fruitvale	.....	45.00	50.00
Japanese	.....	.....	10.00
Pilgrim	.....	21.00	36.17
Plymouth	112.92	998.62	783.35
Oroville	20.39	211.68	50.00
Pacific Grove	.....	264.88	163.39
Palo Alto	.....	950.00	1,253.85
Paradise	25.00	282.70	225.00
Parlier	.....	10.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	40.82	48.40
Pescadero	.....	.....	5.00
Petaluma	.....	534.49	648.77
Pittsburg	24.65	153.80	138.41
Port Chicago	.....	11.42	11.22
Porterville	.....	400.00	310.00
Redwood City	300.03	865.70	728.61
Rio Vista	.....	14.00	37.50
Ripon	26.20	198.65	176.72
Sacramento	78.05	743.35	770.79
Salida	.....	90.00	70.00
San Carlos	.....	101.31	95.95
San Francisco—			
Bethy, Msn. Park	.....	216.92	174.83
First	107.42	1,226.79	1,211.04
Ocean View	.....	82.00	65.00
Richmond	20.00	160.00	125.00
San Jose	50.00	665.00	590.20
San Leandro	24.45	117.99	54.06
San Mateo	89.00	873.17	708.35
San Rafael	79.00	119.00	60.00
Santa Cruz	200.00	600.00	585.00
Santa Rosa	21.00	148.50	129.25
Saratoga	10.00	458.13	445.90
Sebastopol	.....	151.31	142.27
Sonoma	19.65	126.89	116.02
Soquel	.....	89.10	75.00
Stockton	62.05	552.14	477.39
Suisun	.....	75.00	85.00
Sunnyvale	19.00	71.00	65.50
Tulare	.....	411.00	388.50
Weaverville	.....	100.00	122.00
Woodside	.....	26.00	30.00
Reno, Nevada	89.13	480.74	310.41
Miscellaneous and Individual	66.00	1,070.64	1,605.16
	$3,179.58	$30,430.79*	$27,114.00

* Includes $19.25 from two German churches, to cover per capita taxes.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. At the November communion service ten new members were received into the church. A substantial payment has been made on the church indebtedness. Rev. Jacob H. McCartney is the pastor.

REDWOOD CITY. The first Sunday in December was Every Member Canvass day, with a luncheon for the team of solicitors. The budget for the new year is slightly in excess of previous years, but includes an item for books, music, and supplies for the church's adopted chaplain, now stationed at Anchorage, Alaska. Pilgrim Fellowship, recently rebuilt of younger members after the departure of nearly all of the older group for war service, is going along well, giving proper balance to spiritual and social interests. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

PALO ALTO. At the request of the church Rev. Augustine Jones, pastor, has given a course of lectures on Comparative Religions on Monday nights. A group of thirty-five have been attending. In addition to Mr. Jones' lectures, Prof. S. W. Chan from Stanford University, a member of the church, has spoken on Confucianism. At the women's Thank Offering meeting Rev. Clarence Reidenbach was the speaker, and the offering was about the same as last year, which was an all time high.

SAN RAFAEL. Sunday School and church attendance is increasing steadily. At a Thanksgiving service, 15 new members were received into fellowship, and this was followed by a candlelight communion service. The church enjoyed a visit from Rev. Frank J. Woodward of the Philippines, and they made a larger contribution to missions than in previous years. Rev. W. W. Turner is pastor.

PACIFIC GROVE. Following the visit of Dr. Mary Cushman early this year, the Pacific Grove Church undertook to raise a fund to underwrite translation of the Old Testament into the Umbundu language, and already $800 has been subscribed. The Rev. Frank J. Woodward of the Philippines was welcomed as guest speaker on October 31. Rev. John H. Hunter is supplying the pulpit.

BERKELEY, SOUTH COMMUNITY. Splendid congregations are in attendance each Sunday in this new project. A small Sunday School is under way and a campaign will be waged for a larger attendance. Young people's activities on Sunday evening and durin gthe weektime have been launched. A great amount of minor repair work on the building has been done by members and friends of the church.

NILES. Since changing the hour of worship to Sunday evening, congregations have improved. A group of young people meet with the pastor, Rev. D. Q. Grabill, on Sunday morning, with an average attendance of 17. $235 received from a rummage sale will go with other money toward the reduction of the church debt.

SEBASTOPOL. The wife and children of Rev. James P. Senter, the pastor, are quarantined in the parsonage with scarlet fever. Mr. Senter has been living in the church building during the quarantine period

RIPON. Two large flags, United States and Christian, were dedicated on a recent Sunday. The Highroadian Club started the fund and personal donations completed it. Rev. A. C. Hacke is the pastor.

TULARE. Sponsored by "neighborhood committees" the monthly Church Nights are drawing an unusually large attendance. Following the co-op dinner, programs of varied nature are presented, dismissal being early enough that children may attend with their parents. Because of transportation problems the annual canvass was made by mail, meeting with a generous and encouraging response. Increased attendance has made necessary the purchase of additional hymnals. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is the pastor.

PORTERVILLE. November 21 was observed as "Voluntary Pledge Day" for underwriting the 1944 budget. A generous layman offered to give an extra dollar for every subscription to the budget that came in on that day, which caused him to double his last year's pledge, but reduced Every Member Canvass calls to a minimum. The Pilgrim Fellowship has sent in a gift for the "projects," and is preparing now for its annual Candle-Light Christmas vesper service. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is the pastor.

EUREKA. This church and its pastor, Rev. C. H. Hudson, are cooperating with the Presbyterians in a union vesper service on Sunday afternoons. A Sunday evening forum on the theme, "A Christian Basis for a Just and Durable Peace," is creating much interest. On the panel are the Mayor of Eureka, the Superintendent of Schools, and other prominent citizens. Rev. Frank J. Woodward of the Philippines was guest speaker on the first Sunday of November.

PARADISE. During the five years of the pastorate of Rev. W. H. L. Marshall, the parsonage was bought and paid for, and about $1000 of indebtedness against the social hall was cleared. Missionary giving has been increased, and needed repairs will be made. 250 people were served a turkey dinner from which and from the bazaar on the same date about $270 was cleared.

MARIN CITY. This defense area is now up against the difficult problem of labor of a very large number of women, who have been put under pressure to accept jobs. The result on them and their homes is such that they are unable to give time to community and church affairs. The turn-over has been very great, no less than 260 families moving in two months. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. On the Friday before the first Sunday of December a very large display ad appeared in the local paper, entitled "Why go to Church?" A statement of reasons for church attendance, an "invitation" to "go somewhere to church," and, under the heading "A Month of Christmas," the church services and sermon topics for the month were given. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. The main event in November was the annual business meeting and dinner. Members and friends are looking forward to the Home-Coming Dinner in December, when Professor James Muilenburg will be the speaker. Young people are already working on a play, proceeds from which will form the nest-egg for their summer conference fund. Rev. Pierson Parker is pastor.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SARATOGA. The largest attendance in many years is reported at the Fellowship Dinner held November 10. Rev. Robert L. James, head of the San Jose State College Religious Conference, and a Congregational new-comer, was the very acceptable speaker. A slightly increased budget for current expenses and missions was adopted and is being sought. The church school is at its highest point in many years in attendance and leadership, while the week-day school of religion is having excellent response under a representative community committee. At the community Thanksgiving Day service, dedication was made of the lovely new dossal which hangs behind the Communion table in the church's chancel. The rust-colored hanging is enclosed within an oak frame, designed by the donor to accord with the old Spanish architecture of the building and the existing chancel furniture. It is the gift of Mrs. Anne Dodge Bailhache and carries a beautifully inscribed copper plaque which reads: "To remember Arthur Lee Bailhache, August 6, 1862-January 1, 1943." The dossal adds greatly in its warmth and color to the austere dignity of this unusually fine village sanctuary. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is the pastor.

ANTIOCH. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, had the surprise of his life on the occasion when our missionary, Rev. Frank J. Woodward, was scheduled to speak at a dinner and evening meeting. The people came not only to hear Mr. Woodward, but to bring greetings and cakes in honor of the pastor's birthday. Incidentally, about 50 printed greetings had come through the mail that day. After a recent Sunday morning service, a photograph was taken of the entire congregation, including the vested choir and the pastor, which is being sent as a Christmas greeting to all of the men from that church in the Service, and along with it a Christmas prayer and a new year wish in verse.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The November "Spire" reports a very successful Victory Harvest and Homecoming Festival, with net receipts of almost $1300. Speaker at the Thankoffering Service on November 28 was Mrs. Edward D. Gaylord, mother of the pastor, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord gave the radio address on December 5 over Station KSFO on the program, "Methodism Has a Message." Miss Alice English of the Children's Project has recently been guest speaker for the Women's Federation, the Martinez church and the Benicia church, telling about this phase of the women's Thank Offering projects.

ALAMEDA. In the housing projects under the interdenominational council of churches, two Sunday schools are in operation, with weekday activities including Bible story hours and junior choirs. Rev. Ralph Conard, the pastor, is the secretary of the Alameda Council of Churches. The Thanksgiving offering was earmarked for the Unit Plan. At the Women's Union luncheon, Mr. Herbert Dimock of Arlington Fellowship House was the speaker. The young people visited the Encinal Housing Project and have also visited other churches and religious groups to discover "how other people worship."

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Henry Hayden, the pastor, reports that November was a significant month in that the church program was presented to a greater number of people. A community pot-luck supper was held, followed by a concert of folk songs by the young people's group and a presentation of all church services to the community, such as Mothers' Club, Boys' Club, Church School, and Morning Worship.

SAN MATEO. Church Night in November had as its guest speaker Rev. D. Elton Trueblood of Stanford University, and the December event will welcome Dr. Tully Knoles of the College of the Pacific. November 21, set aside as "Debt Elimination Day," began a week in which enough funds were raised to completely wipe out the debt to the Building Society. This church and its pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, are particularly proud of three special parts in their church program: the fine women's meetings, the "booming young people's group," and the enthusiastic response to the new Adult Class. Mr. and Mrs. Buckham took to Rev. Norio Ozaki in the Community Hospital a well filled fruit basket for Thanksgiving, and gifts for Japanese who are bed-ridden.

TRINITY COUNTY. On Men and Missions Sunday in Weaverville, one of the deacons, Mr. Roy Horner, made an effective presentation and read a letter from the former pastor, Rev. James D. Salmon, who is now in Persia. The pastor, Rev. P. N. Bennett, spoke on "The Missionary Enterprise." Plans and preparations are going forward for the redecoration and rearrangement of the interior of the church building, with a good part of the money already in hand to defray the expense. Although no services were held in Hayfork and Lewiston during November, the coming of new families into one community, and prospects of a new project opening in the other, offer encouragement for the work there.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. November was a banner month in this church, first because a Thanksgiving offering of more than $900 was received, all of which is to be devoted to the new program of religious education in the church. The new director, Miss Sanderson, has arrived from St. Louis to begin her work. Plymouth now has a staff equal to, if not exceeding in number, that of any other church in the Conference. A feature of the weekly bulletin has been the printing of pictures of various church groups. The annual turkey dinner, when the budget for the new year is underwritten, is being held on December 8. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

SACRAMENTO. Seven new members were received into fellowship on November 7. A special Chapel Service was planned by the Pilgrim Fellowship, offering from which will be contributed toward their pledge for missionary projects. A legacy of more than $300 has been received from the estate of a member of this church. A recent house-to-house visitation in Sacramento revealed 225 families unknown to the church, who expressed preference for the Congregational Church. The pastor, Rev. Torrance Phelps, exchanged pulpits with Rabbi Feinsilver on November 28.

OAKLAND, FIRST. At a special Thanksgiving Service on November 21, pledges were received for the coming year. No Sunday school classes were held, but the entire church school attended the morning church service, all sitting together in the balcony. As their part in the service, they sang "I Love to Tell the Story." Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The annual bazaar and luncheon arranged by the Ladies' Guild was a great success both in attendance and patronage. A turkey dinner was served to the members and supporters of the church on November 10. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr, continued his ecumenical messages each Sunday of the month.

BENICIA. Rev. Isaac Fleming, who has served this church something over three years, has resigned to take effect in January, or earlier if the church is able to secure a new minister. Mr. Fleming began his work as Sunday supply but soon found that the field demanded much more time, and so for many months did a large amount of parish work during the week. Later on arrangements were made for a substantial portion of his time. He holds the respect of the people of Benicia, and in many ways the work has been strengthened. During this period the population of the city has been multiplied by four, and it is Mr. Fleming's judgment that a younger man should be found to push just as vigorous a program as is possible. The latest word is that Mr. Fleming has been called to the church in Tehachapi.

CAMPBELL. Christmas preparations now mark the church's activity. The annual Guild Christmas tea and bazaar was highly successful. The young women of the church are packing parcels for men in the service, which will include good things to eat prepared by members of the church. During Thanksgiving vacation the Plymouth Youth group with their leaders and Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor, spent three days at a youth hostel in the Santa Cruz Mountains. During their absence, Dennis Bennett, son of the pastor, filled the pulpit. The Youth Forum continues its studies of the different nations and races. A paper and key drive will bring financial help to the junior groups in equipping a workshop.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. Oakland churches cooperated in assisting Pilgrim members with the community visitation early in November, which produced the names and addresses of 134 families "more or less" interested in New Pilgrim. This is to be followed up by a pot-luck supper and program in December, with prospects and canvassers invited. Church and church school attendance are both increasing. The exterior of the church has received one coat of paint and the second has been started, all done by volunteer labor. Stained glass windows are to be repaired and the interior of the building redecorated. Rev. Byron E. Eshelman is pastor.

PETALUMA. Nineteen men responded to a dinner invitation prior to undertaking the Every Member Canvass. Careful preparations had been made, and a budget which includes gifts to the Federal Council, World Council of Churches, Pacific School of Religion, and Pacific University, in addition to regular benevolence and local support, was undertaken. Rev. Edward F. Ouellette, the pastor, has taken leadership in the organization of a club providing wholesome recreation for Petaluma high school young people. Attendance each Friday evening runs well over 100.

BERKELEY, FIRST. In addition to the pastor, Rev. Vere V. Loper, the evening radio service presented Rev. David Stowe, Rev. A. C. McGiffert, Rev. John Wright Buckham, and Dr. Blanche Carrier on recent Sundays. Dr. Loper was speaker on November 28 at the Union Evening Service of Oakland Churches on the subject "The Spiritual Price of Peace."

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. This church was host to the Downtown Union Thanksgiving Service, with Rev. Hughbert H. Landram, Executive Secretary of the San Francisco Council of Churches as speaker. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, is preaching a series of morning and evening sermons on the Teachings of Jesus.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg secured the underwriting of the six United Canvass advertisements to be run in the Fresno Bee the six weeks before Christmas. He was the opening speaker at the chapel service recently inaugurated at the State College, and also spoke at the annual Thanksgiving service of the Roosevelt High School, addressing about 1800 students. The church auditorium is being redecorated by paint and the repair of stained glass windows. More than $83.00 was received at the Thank Offering luncheon. Two members of the church have contributed $100 each to the Unit Plan. Three Army chaplains spoke at the annual "Harvest Home" dinner. A budget of $8,955 was presented, all but $500 of which has been underwritten.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Young people of the Calaveras communities have been assisting the pastor at various services, as soloists or in the choirs, so that it is his plan to have one or more young persons assist in all church services. Most of the offerings from three Thanksgiving services are to be devoted to the Unit Plan. At White Pines, 26 were in attendance. The Ladies Aid at Angels Camp held a successful bazaar, proceeds from which will add to their fund to re-shingle the church roof. Two friends of the church have volunteered to complete the church lawn walks. Rev. John G. Dickey, the pastor, makes it a practice to follow up absentee members, urging them to unite with churches in the communities to which they have moved.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. People of this church, led by the pastor, Mr. Eugene Sill, are taking an active part in the Community Club for children and young people. The clubhouse, use of which was donated by a Catholic layman for one year, has been cleaned and painted, and will be open afternoons and evenings for children's games and handcraft, under the guidance of different adults. Games and equipment have been donated or loaned, including lathe and jig-saw. The directing council, which meets bimonthly in the church, is composed of representatives of the public school, P.T.A., Scout groups, Community Club, and the churches of the neighborhood.

FAIRFAX. Final payment has been made on the Building Society debt of $1000, completely fulfilling a goal of the anniversary year. Young people of the Upper Room group put on a paper drive, raising funds to remodel their room. The Weekday School reached a peak of 100, with five classes and three teachers. Late in October a barn dance was held, with some 55 high school young people present, this being the first of a series of entertainments for all the youth of the community. Rev. William W. Meyer is pastor.

GLEN ELLEN. This church now has a Sunday School Mothers' Club and an adult choir. Finances of the church are in excellent shape. The bazaar managed by the women was a great success, and a capacity crowd enjoyed an interesting program. The church under the leadership of Rev. C. C. Champlin is determined to become the center of social and spiritual life of the community. Regular Sunday morning attendance is greatly increased.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

No Federation meeting in December

FEDERATION WOMEN, FORWARD

The meeting of the Women's Federation on November 18 was the smallest in a long time. Not more than half the usual number gathered in the chapel of the Congregational church. It was a good meeting, none-the-less.

Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, warned against race prejudice and the exploitation of other nations or races, which may be sometimes a personal danger as well as a national one.

Mrs. Ernest Evans, Foreign Field Secretary, told of the outbreak of the bubonic plague in Foochow, and of the refugee work being done by Tracy Strong, Jr. We have all been reading with interest, even excitement, the latest book by Dr. Frank Laubach on the growth of his almost miraculous campaign for literacy, "The Silent Billion Speak," so were especially interested in the news that from the 15th of November to the 15th of February he will be working in the West Indies, and that June will see him in Mexico. Mrs. Evans gave the list of the missionaries returning on the "Gripsholm," among whom were such familiar names as Earl Ballou, Howard Galt and his young son, and the Robbins Strongs, whom many of us will remember seeing when they were commissioned at the meeting of the General Council in Berkeley. A letter from Dr. Alma Locke Cooke told of $162.00 already raised for the sorely-needed quinine fund. Anyone wishing to add to that amount may do so through Mrs. Evans, whose address is 100 Summit Ave., Mill Valley. Mrs. Evans mentioned three publications of benefit in our work: "The World Alliance News Letter," published at 70 Fifth Ave., New York 11; "The Church Woman," 203 No. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.; and a pamphlet "America and the Future," put out by "Time Magazine."

Mrs. Philip Greisinger, who was unable to be present because of illness, sent her report. She stressed especially the change in the date for the completion of the reading assignments. While all other reports must be in before the Annual Meeting in January, that for the Reading Lists will not be due until April. At that time the new lists come out from the Home Office, and the new year's work will commence. For additional reading before that time, the "Guide Posts" for November gives a list of books, and Mrs. Greisinger and Mrs. Norwood Silsbee of Sacramento have prepared a supplementary list which may be obtained through Mrs. Greisinger, 1661 Oxford St., Berkeley 4.

Mrs. Silsbee, Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Young People's Secretary, and Mrs. L. M. Drury, are all doing full-time teaching, probably for the duration, and were unable to be present. Mrs. Kientz sent her report on the four projects undertaken by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship: half the Director's salary at Plymouth House; work in Calaveras County; at Pleasant Hill Academy; and with the work in West China.

There was one new voice among the Association Presidents; new, that is, in that office. Mrs. C. L. Jackson, former Recording Secretary to the Federation, was elected President of the Santa Clara Association at their meeting on October 6. She succeeds Mrs. J. O. Ferris, who has so long and so faithfully served as their leader. Much as the Association must regret losing Mrs. Ferris, they are fortunate in having Mrs. Jackson to take over the work. Mrs. Jackson paid a fine tribute to Mrs. Ferris and the work she had done during her term of office.

There has been another shift in Association Presidents. Mrs. Focht is succeeded by Mrs. W. Leland Barlow of Sebastopol. We shall hope to welcome Mrs. Barlow at our Federation meetings in future. Mrs. Edith Brookover, Acting Secretary at the Association meeting October 14, sent an interesting report, from which we can make only a few excerpts. Six churches responded to the roll-call, and one sent a written report. All said that mission study and reading were on the increase. Guerneville asked for the next meeting of the Association.

There were interesting reports from most of the Association Presidents. Mrs. J. H. McCartney (Bay Association) spoke of the study of the children's book, "Welcome House," being made in her Sunday School, with drawings by the children themselves of a lonely house, and its development into a Welcome House. Mrs. S. S. Focht (Redwood Empire) said that in one of her Church Schools, there was a missionary Sunday every quarter, when one department of the school would take one part of the mission field and give a program on it. The same school, accustomed to birthday boxes for the children, conceived the idea that this Christmas there should be a birthday box for the Child Jesus and that it should contain 1943 pennies. Mrs. H. N. Dyke (Sacramento Association) said that after the report on the M. E. M. Conference, one of the auditors remarked with emphasis: "If I don't do another thing, I am going to the M. E. M. Conference next year."

Mrs. Chester Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, is still struggling to get replies from some of the societies to which quotas have gone. There are twelve societies which have made no response. Will not all of you who read this notice please find out NOW what action your society has taken and notify Mrs. Gossett? If you cannot meet the quota at all, if you can meet it only partly, if you can complete it, in any case do let Mrs. Gossett know. Do not be indifferent about it.

Mrs. C. T. Tinker, recently returned from Portland, told us of seeing Mrs. A. V. Dunn, whom we all remember with much affection. She is assisting her physician husband in his office, is full of the work in the Vancouver (Washington) church, and is looking well.

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, Program Chairman, gave a preliminary report on the coming Annual Meeting. It will be held in the Broadmoor Church, on Thursday, January 20, beginning at 10:00. Note the time: it is half an hour earlier than our meetings usually. That is because the meeting is to be one day only. One of the speakers will be Roy Nichols, in charge of the work just opened up in the Berkeley Park Church. Luncheon will be served by the Broadmoor ladies at 65 cents. Full program will be out by January 1.

We especially regretted the small attendance for the November meeting, when it came to the afternoon session. Dr. Herman Swartz gave a most illuminating address on the Mexican version of religious freedom and tolerance. Those who missed it were unfortunate.

THANK OFFERING

Almost every mail as The Pacific goes to press is bringing Thank Offering money from women's groups. Almost without exception they are substantially larger than in previous years. Hail to our loyal women!

"Every day an American soldier turns up where no one but a missionary has been before." (A line from a New York play.)

REPORT BY SUP'T GILL

(Continued from Page 1, column 4)

Inflation has created almost famine conditions in China. Rice costs 160 times what it did at the beginning of the war, and 500 times what it did in olden days. It is now necessary to provide $5.00 of American money per day for every man, woman, and child in our missionary families. This will cost the Board $12,000 extra in a single year.

Our own Dr. Alma Locke Cooke is to go to Shaowu to look after the health of children in the schools which have moved thither. Word comes through that two of our hospitals in North China are in operation, and much of our Christian work is going on.

When we think of Japan it is an astonishing fact that our missionary forces could be withdrawn without closing an institution or a church. The policy of the Board regarding Japan, as voted, is as follows: "When it is possible to resume relations with the Christian community in Japan, we shall return or appoint to Japan only such missionaries as the Church of Christ in Japan may desire, or as such Christian institutions which are independent of the Church of Christ in Japan may desire."

At one time we Congregationalists had missionary work in Truk and the Carolines. This was turned over to German missionary societies and then when Japan took the mandate after the last war, the responsibility was transferred to the Japanese Christian Churches. If we retake Truk and the Carolines, the American Board should be ready to undertake missionary work in that area.

While there seem to be barriers created by the Portuguese Government for the sending of missionaries into West Africa, there is a willingness to have Sam Coles and others able to lead in agricultural pursuits.

Turkey and Mexico have been lands forbidding religious teaching, but in Mexico conditions are now more favorable, and there is a splendid opportunity developing in Sonora. Our situation in Turkey is made extremely difficult because of a heavy war tax.

The budget of the Board for the current year is about $1,010,000, with an additional $40,000 providing receipts are sufficient to warrant it. Reserves have been set up for travel expense for missionaries who should have returned to America or to their fields but have been prevented by travel conditions. Reserves have also been set up to take care of certain losses in capital funds and for some property damage on the field, although this may require an amount of considerably greater proportions. There are now 357 active missionaries, 231 of whom are on the field. 120 are in the United States, speaking for the Board, helping in the Board offices, working with Japanese evacuees, studying in preparation for post-war programs, helping in churches, teaching and other forms of educational work, Y. W. C. A., public health and hospital work, Government and military service, homemaking or resting. Seven are interned in North China and nine in the Philippine Islands. Recently three have gone and four are en route to West China. One has arrived in Foochow and one in Kunming en route to Shaowu. Two have reached Syria and three are on their way to the Near East. Thirteen missionaries from the North China Mission are returning on the "Gripsholm," arriving in New York December 2.

One carries away from the meeting of the Prudential Committee a feeling of satisfaction, not to say pride, because of the competent way in which problems are faced and the quality of people serving on the Committee and in executive capacities. Everywhere it is evident that our Board believes in and practices decentralization and putting responsibilities on the Christians in the lands where we are at work.

CHAPLAIN CLELAND AT NEW ORLEANS

Chaplain Gail Cleland, in acknowledging the greetings sent from the annual meeting of the State Conference, tells of his activity at the Port of New Orleans where he supervises the activities of a great number of chaplains of all denominations and religious faiths. Occasionally he addresses an assemblage of many thousands of troops. He acts as supply officer for religious materials and chaplains' equipment, and is always at the pier whenever a ship is leaving with soldiers destined for foreign service.

SHERWOOD WIRT ORDAINED

Sherwood Eliot Wirt, who graduated from Pacific School of Religion last May, and who until recently was pastor at Port Chicago, was ordained to the Christian ministry at the annual meeting of the Farmington Valley Association held at Unionville, Conn., on October 17. Professor John C. Bennett now of Union Seminary was the preacher. Mr. Wirt is pastor of the First Congregational Church of Collinsville, Connecticut.

HIP WO ANNUAL DINNER

The annual dinner given by the directors of the Hip Wo School and the faculty members was held on November 19 at the Tao Tao Restaurant, where good Chinese food was enjoyed by Caucasians and Chinese. Mrs. E. V. Krick, president of the board, presided. The school has a lower enrollment than in previous years due to the number of High School young people that have part time jobs, but excellent work is being accomplished.

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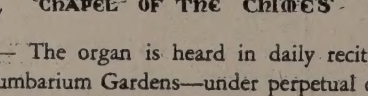

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